(iv) Co-operation: The Government should explore avenues for sharing responsibility with the people's organization for the security and for dealing with terrorist and insurgent elements.

(v) Development: Since development is the ultimate antidote to discontent and disaffection, the Government must press on with speedy economic development with the stress on sharing its fruits as widely as possible. It is well-known that in Manipur, as in other trouble-spots, the underground recruits its volunteers from the ranks of the unemployed youth who feel frustrated and hence alienated because the economic system does not offer them opportunities of a reasonable livelihood.

Pakistan nationals living in Rajasthan and Punjab

1352. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been reports in media that a large number of immigrants are living in border towns of Rajasthan and Punjab etc. who do not want to return to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government for their return/safe passage to Pakistan; and

(d) what has been the stand taken by the Pakistan Government on the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) As per available information about 60 illegal Pak immigrants are residing in Punjab and around 4,000 in Rajasthan. Government of India, through the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2004 issued vide Notification dated 28th February, 2004, has empowered the State Govemment of Rajasthan to dispose off the citizenship applications of such immigrants. As regards those living in Punjab, Central Government has not received any application for grant of Indian citizenship so far.